

## Chile

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In 2012-2013, 2,879 U.S. students studied abroad in Chile for academic credit.

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### **Education System Overview:**

- **Academic year:** March - December
- **Major school holidays/break:**
  - Independence Day: September 18
  - Day of the Glories of the Army
  - Summer Vacation: mid-December to end of February
  - Easter: Last week of March
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July
- **Major exam period(s):** 1<sup>st</sup> week of July and November/December

### **Structure of the university system:**

- **Structure of University System:** Undergraduate years of study are 5+, not 4 years. (The average duration of undergraduate programs in Chile is 13.7 semesters, compared to the 8.6 semesters of other OECD countries).
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Spanish

### **Resources:**

1. Chile Abroad  
Website: <http://chileabroad.gov.cl/en/que-hacer/para-estudiar-en-chile/>
2. Organization: Chilean Ministry of Education  
Website: [www.mineduc.cl](http://www.mineduc.cl)
3. Organization: Chilean National Education Council  
Website: [www.cned.cl](http://www.cned.cl)
4. Organization: National Accrediting Commission  
Website: [www.cnachile.cl](http://www.cnachile.cl)



5. Organization: Becas Chile  
Website: [www.becaschile.cl](http://www.becaschile.cl)
6. Organization: National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT)  
Website: [www.conicyt.cl](http://www.conicyt.cl)

### **Know Before You Go**

- [How to Apply for U.S. Passport](#)
- [Security Messages for U.S. Citizens](#)
- [Country Specific Travel Information](#)

### **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Gilman International Scholarship](#)